

REMARKS

I. Introduction

The Office Action of September 25, 2009 has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. The present Amendment amends claims 1, 7, 8, 24-30, 35, 43, 58, 77, and 78 all in accordance with the specification and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 1-78 are currently pending in this application, and claims 1, 32, 33, 35, 43, 58, 77, and 78 are in independent form.

II. Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action of September 25, 2009, the claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372 between the following allegedly distinct inventions:

- Group I:** Claims 1-34, drawn to an extrudable resin composition;
- Group II:** Claims 35-39, drawn to a method of extruding an extrudable resin composition;
- Group III:** Claim 40, drawn to a liner made by the method of claim 35;
- Group IV:** Claims 41 and 42, drawn to a method of transporting oil or gas in downhole applications;
- Group V:** Claims 43-57, drawn to a liner comprising a tube;
- Group VI:** Claims 58-76, drawn to a method of using a tubular;
- Group VII:** Claim 77, drawn to a method of transporting oil or gas in a downhole application using a tubular comprised of a tubular and a liner; and
- Group VIII:** Claim 78, drawn to a method of transmitting or storing corrosive fluids.

The Examiner contends that the inventions of **Groups I-VIII** do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical feature. The Examiner further contends that the special technical feature that the claims have in common is the resin composition. However, he

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alleges that this special technical feature is taught by United States Patent Nos. 4,785,057; 5,177,137; 5,401,799; 5,889,102; and 5,900,453.

Applicants hereby elect **Group I**, with traverse, directed to claims 1-34 and drawn to an extrudable resin composition.

Independent claims 1, 35, 43, 58, 77, and 78 have been amended hereinabove to further define the resin composition and distinguish the resin composition from the compositions disclosed in United States Patent Nos. 4,785,057; 5,177,137; 5,401,799; 5,889,102; and 5,900,453. Accordingly, the inventions of **Groups I-VIII** are patentably distinct from the above-cited prior art and thus possess a special technical feature that bind all pending claims 1-78 together. Restriction, therefore, is improper and the Examiner's reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested. Such amendments were made during the prosecution of the corresponding British Patent Application and led to the issuance of a patent (United Kingdom Patent No. UK 2407816 B).

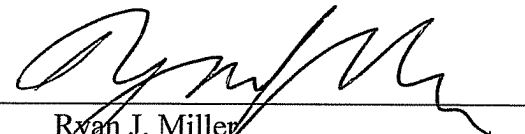
III. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request (1) withdrawal of the restriction requirement; (2) consideration of claims 1-78; and (3) allowance of all of claims 1-78.

Respectfully submitted,

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